

DDS Council Monthly Report

April 2012

Meetings held and/or attended

- April 2nd -Central Office Quality Improvement Director
- April 4th -CO Human Resources Director
- April 4th -West Region Assistant Regional Director
- April 5th -Central Office Facilities Director
- April 9th -CO Eligibility Director
- April 10th -CO Psychiatrist
- April 11th -Commission on Human Rights, Commission Meeting
- April 12th -Governor's Coalition, scholarship meeting
- April 13th -West Region, Individual Family Supports
- April 16th -DSS Money Follows Person, Administrator
- April 16th -Central Office, Money Follows Person
- April 17th -South Region, Individual Family Supports
- April 18th -University of Hartford
- April 19th -South Region, Assistant Regional Director
- April 20th -North Region, OBRA nurse
- April 24th -Central Office, Legal
- April 25th -Quality Improvement Inspector
- April 26th -Operations Department
- April 27th -DAS Staff Legal Counsel

Concerns \ Issues

- Mother (not Guardian) contacted office to state that son had witnessed another consumer harming himself and wanted him move from current residence.

-Current Guardian of individual called office to validate what mom stated in phone call.

Called region asked if individual had sought out counseling for witnessing incident. Spoke with quality improvement director to check whether incident report was filed. However, there is an investigation underway at DCF.

Individual called office spoke with me about what it happened and his concerns with current residence. Individual stated that he would like to move home because he feels that he has learned what needed and feels placement is not appropriate.

Spoke with assistant regional director. Case is more complex than it seems. I agreed with most of what region stated however, individual did bring up some cogent points and asked if they could look at other placements where individual could live with persons his own age until he could move into community.

- Followed up with request by an individual living in a long term care facility. Individual wants to move out of nursing home using Money Follows the Person. Individual stated that they had applied to Money Follows Person (MFP) but was stated that after initial inquiry has not heard anything from case manager. Individual asked if I could look whether they had been approved for MFP.

-- Contacted region and central office MFP. Also, contacted DSS administrator for the MFP program.

DSS stated that application was incomplete and that it would contact individual's social worker to make sure it was completed.

Update-

Individual will be using money follows the person funds to move into an apartment.

- Family moved out of state and son concurrently lost Connecticut supports. Family now has moved back to Connecticut and is seeking immediate restoration of supports he had while living here. Mom was directed to help line and needs to go through a process for day supports. Mom is upset that he cannot receive same supports immediately without having to go through process.

-Spoke with ARD who stated that case manager was not given any notice when family moved out of state and as with all people moving back to Connecticut need to show certain documents and fill out specific forms be declared eligible for DDS services.

Per mother son was receiving day program services. They had moved out of state approximately 2 years ago.

-Spoke with region and asked if previous case manager could assist family with paperwork for eligibility. Region accepted because case manager has a history with family and knows consumer very well.

Update::

Individual has received approval from private provider to attend day supports. In addition, region put together an individual budget and budget authorization was approved in order to have vendor services authorization issued for the agency to start. Region will need to work with mom to place individual on Mom's insurance to receive required Neurological review and ongoing counseling.

Individual should be attending last week of April.

Received e-mail from mom stating that he had started.

Update:

- The Governor's Coalition for with Disabilities Scholarship (GCYD) will hold its 17th awards ceremony on May 18th, Old Judiciary Room, State Capitol This year, I am pleased to announce that one recipient will be an individual that receives services from the D.D.S. This person has plans on attending a community concentrating on computer science. He is currently volunteering at Goodwin College and assisting the elderly. This very energetic young man states that he cannot wait to begin his studies!

Governor Malloy has been invited, waiting for response from the Governor's office.

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All Council Members are invited.

Areas of Concern

○ Case Management -	7
○ Case Management Requests -	6
○ Day Program –	4
○ Eligibility -	4
○ Funding/Budget -	5
○ Guardianship –	4
○ Health & Safety –	4
○ HIPAA -	2
○ Information/Referral –	25
○ Placement –	5
○ Birth to 3-	1
○ School District services-	2
○ Autism-	3
○ ADA inquiries	(5) not counted

ISSUES/CONCERN TOTAL –72

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